

Remarks

Claims 1-8 were pending in the above-identified application. By way of the present amendment, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 8, and have cancelled claim 2. No new claims have been added. Claims 1 and 3-8 are therefore now pending and under examination. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks provided herein.

Allowance of Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1 and 3-6.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103,

Claims 2, 7, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., Japan (JP 58167592). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. Nonetheless, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 2, rendering the rejection of claim 2 moot. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 8 to no longer recite the compound of claim 2. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 2, 7, and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn.

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The amendment raises no new issues, nor would it entail the need for further search on the part of the Examiner. Entry of the amendment is within the discretion of the Examiner and is respectfully requested. In view of the above-described amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1 and 3-8 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests same. The Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned at the phone number listed below if there are any questions regarding the amendments or remarks provided herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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